



## Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Newsletter

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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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## **EOPSS Funding Opportunities**

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

### **Commonwealth Security Trust Fund Grant Program**

#### **Application Deadline: June 11, 2009**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of approximately \$200,000 in funds to local police and fire departments. The purpose of this grant program is to enhance emergency response, including response to acts of terrorism.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops) or contact Tracy Brown, Homeland Security Division at [Tracy.Brown@state.ma.us](mailto:Tracy.Brown@state.ma.us).

### **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Mini- Grant Program**

#### **Application Deadline: Open Enrollment through June 2009**

Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, the Massachusetts Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Mini-grant Program, "Using Prevention Strategies ... Empowering SADD Students to Improve Their Schools and Communities (UPS)," addresses the core issues of underage drinking, impaired driving, and traffic safety. The goal of the mini-grant program is to raise awareness about these issues and create sustainable youth and adult behavior changes to reduce the risks associated with engaging in these activities. All Massachusetts middle schools, high schools, and youth groups are eligible to apply for a \$600 mini-grant from SADD. Each group or chapter selected to receive a mini-grant may utilize the grant award in one of two focus areas: traffic safety or underage drinking and impaired driving prevention. Within the focus area selected, the group will then opt to concentrate on policy and enforcement or education and collaboration.

For more information: <http://www.sadd.org/sresources.htm>.

### **2008-2009 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant Program**

#### **Application Deadline: Open Enrollment through August 2009**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of approximately \$3.2 million in federal funds for high visibility traffic enforcement and equipment grants through September 2009. Funds are available for local police and campus police departments to conduct mobilizations entitled "Click It or Ticket," "Road Respect," and "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." In addition, participating grant departments will be eligible to purchase traffic safety equipment, signage, and materials after July 1, 2009 upon successful completion of selected 2009 enforcement mobilizations.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eopsfunding](http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding) (click on Highway Safety) or contact Caroline Hymoff, Highway Safety Division at 617-725-3334 or [Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us](mailto:Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us).

## **Other Funding Opportunities**

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

### **Predictive Policing Demonstration and Evaluation Program**

#### **Application Deadline: June 15, 2009**

The National Institute of Justice, Office of Science and Technology seeks applications from state and local law enforcement agencies or regional law enforcement information centers to conduct planning activities leading to the demonstration of predictive policing methods in practice. Law enforcement agencies will be expected to develop and demonstrate predictive policing models that can be subjected to program evaluation to determine criminal justice outcomes and impacts.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000877.pdf>

### **Criminal Justice Technology Information and Sensor Systems Center of Excellence**

#### **Application Deadline: June 19, 2009**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to establish and operate a Criminal Justice Technology Center of Excellence to support its research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&E) process in information and sensor systems. The Center will support the RDT&E process by providing scientific and technical support to NIJ's research and development efforts; supporting the demonstration, transfer, and adoption of appropriate technology into practice by law enforcement, corrections agencies, courts, and related criminal justice agencies; assisting in the development and dissemination of technology guidelines and standards; and providing technology assistance, information, and support to law enforcement and other appropriate criminal justice agencies.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000873.pdf>.

### **Criminal Justice Technology Regional Centers**

#### **Application Deadline: June 19, 2009**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to conduct regional outreach activities within the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (NLECTC) System to improve the access to, and awareness of, relevant scientific and technology-related information by state and local criminal justice practitioners. The goal of this funding is to transform the current regional centers structure to make it more sustainable and effective in performing outreach to the practitioner community.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000881.pdf>.

### **FY 2009 NICS State Records Estimates Development and Validation Project Solicitation**

#### **Application Deadline: June 19, 2009**

The Bureau of Justice Statistics seeks applications for an agent to (1) assist BJS in determining the reasonableness of certain state record estimates provided by states under the provisions of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007; and (2) develop state record estimates for non-responding states. The NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007 is intended to improve the records utilized by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) by providing assistance to states to improve the completeness, automation and transmittal of records to state and federal systems.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/nics09sol.pdf>.

**Enhancing Institutional and Community Corrections Grant Program FY 2009 Competitive Grant Announcement**

**Application Deadline: June 22, 2009**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to improve or enhance the administration and operation of the corrections function and offender reentry initiatives in adult criminal justice systems at a national level of impact or significance. This grant announcement focuses on funding national correctional services efforts in the following three major categories: discovering corrections web site; leadership development for jail administrators; and improving access to healthcare for correctional clients.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09NationalCorrectionsSol.pdf>.

**National Initiatives: Adjudication Program FY 2009 Competitive Grant Announcement**

**Application Deadline: June 22, 2009**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding national initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, in particular indigent defense, community prosecution, and addressing the “CSI effect” hypothesis. This FY 2009 program will focus on funding efforts in the following four major categories: Indigent Defense Training and Technical Assistance; Indigent Defender Hiring Pilot Project; Community Prosecution Technical Assistance; and Addressing the “CSI Effect.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09NationalAdjudicationSol.pdf>.

**National Initiatives: Preventing Crime FY 2009 Competitive Grant Announcement**

**Application Deadline: June 22, 2009**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding national initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, specifically crime prevention initiatives. This FY 2009 grant announcement will focus on funding national-scope crime prevention efforts in the following five major categories: Small Law Enforcement Departments - National Training and Technical Assistance; Crime Prevention Awareness and Education - National Training and Technical Assistance; Public Safety - Community Development Strategy; Neighborhood Watch and Celebrate Safe Communities Training and Technical Assistance; and National Mortgage Fraud Awareness, Training, and Technical Assistance.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09NationalPreventingCrimeSol.pdf>.

**Methamphetamine Precursor Chemical Diversion Training and Technical Assistance Program FY 2009 Competitive Grant Announcement**

**Application Deadline: June 23, 2009**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for a training and technical assistance (TTA) provider to support states in their efforts to set up methamphetamine precursor tracking systems and to encourage and support planning for interconnectivity between state systems. BJA is not seeking a provider to develop the technology to set up the tracking systems, but a provider that will provide planning and implementation guidance that will include a multi-disciplinary approach to implementing tracking systems that will result in increased support of law enforcement efforts to fight methamphetamine production and reduce related crime.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09MethPrecursorTTASol.pdf>.

### **Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership**

#### **Application Deadline: June 23, 2009**

The Department of Justice seeks applications for the 2009 Bulletproof Vest Partnership program. The application process requires that the following information be provided: total number of full and part-time officers, the agency's replacement cycle, and the total amount of previously awarded BVP funds. For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi>.

### **Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs FY 2009 Competitive Grant Announcement**

#### **Application Deadline: June 24, 2009**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks proposals from the justice field that demonstrate innovation; address a demonstrated gap in areas within the justice system or in the knowledge base of justice system practitioners; and allow for replication nationwide. Applicants should address emerging or chronic criminal justice issues that negatively impact their communities and jurisdictions and submit proposals that provide innovative strategies for addressing those issues. BJA is looking for the best innovative, field-generated concepts for advancing the capabilities and performance of the criminal justice system.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09FieldInitiatedSol.pdf>.

### **National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement FY 2009 Competitive Grant Announcement**

#### **Application Deadline: June 25, 2009**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding national initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, specifically law enforcement initiatives. This FY 2009 program will focus on funding national efforts to enhance law enforcement in the following nine major categories: Small Agency Homicide Investigation: Metro Squad Approach; Executive Session on Law Enforcement Leadership; Employing Returning Vets as Police Officers; Interstate Corridor Consortiums; National Officer Safety Training and Technical Assistance; National Homicide Closure Demonstration Project; Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Assistance Program; Technology Impact on Law Enforcement; and Liaison Initiative to Leverage Lessons Learned from Agencies Abroad.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09NationalLawEnforcementSol.pdf>.

### **Firefighter Assistance Grants**

#### **Application Deadline: July 10, 2009**

The Department of Federal Emergency Management Agency has announced the availability of \$210 million available nationally for modifying, upgrading, or constructing non-Federal fire stations. Higher priority for grant funding will go to projects that fall into the following categories: projects in areas of the Country where unemployment is the highest; projects that are ready to begin shortly after the award is granted; projects that improve emergency response time and firefighter safety; projects that are environmentally friendly; conform to national consensus codes and standards; provide best value for cost and can be constructed within the proposed budget.

More information will be available on June 8, 2009 at <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>.

### **Predictive Policing Analytic and Evaluation Research Support**

#### **Application Deadline: July 13, 2009**

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Office of Research and Evaluation seeks applications for funding to provide analytic and evaluation support, as well as independent evaluation services to applicants selected for funding in the planning phase of the Office of Science and Technology Predictive Policing program. Predictive policing includes strategies and tactics that improve the situational awareness of law enforcement concerning individuals or locations before criminal activity occurs.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000879.pdf>.

### **Methodological Research to Support the Redesign of the National Crime Victimization Survey: Screening Questions**

#### **Application Deadline: July 14, 2009**

The Bureau of Justice Statistics seeks applications to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the current and pre-redesign crime screening questions. This analysis will inform future questionnaire redesign efforts by providing an understanding of how the survey's crime screening process has operated. In order to develop improvements to the current crime screening strategy, it is necessary to fully understand how the current crime screening strategy operates. Ultimately it is the goal of the BJS to redesign the NCVS to improve its methodology and better meet the challenges of measuring the extent, characteristics and consequences of criminal victimization as it exists today or may evolve in the future.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/mrsrncvssqsol.pdf>.

### **Evaluation of the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN)**

#### **Application Deadline: July 20, 2009**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to evaluate the Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Program. Funding through this solicitation is intended to support a national evaluation (including state-level analyses of the SAVIN program) leading to a promising practices toolkit which will aid the continued development, implementation, and enhancement of comprehensive victim notification programs within individual States and territories. In addition to the evaluation focus, NIJ hopes to advance both theory and practice related to victims through this research.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000883.pdf>.

### **Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Relationships**

#### **Application Deadline: July 20, 2009**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to support criminal justice researcher-practitioner collaborations. This solicitation is aimed at developing existing partnerships, establishing new partnerships, and capturing significant lessons that have been learned through past and current researcher-practitioner partnerships. NIJ intends to support research in the following three major areas related to new and ongoing criminal justice researcher-practitioner collaborations: past and current accounts of criminal justice researcher-practitioner partnerships; junior faculty grant program to promote criminal justice researcher-practitioner partnerships; and criminal justice researcher-practitioner fellowship placement program.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000884.pdf>.



## Research and Publications

### **Law Enforcement Responses to People with Mental Illnesses: A Guide to Research-Informed Policy and Practice**

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, this guide reviews the available research on interactions between law enforcement and people with mental illness and provides recommendations and strategies to improve such encounters. The goal of this guide is to provide a useful foundation for making policy and practice decisions on how to improve encounters between law enforcement and people with mental illness based on evidence from best practice research. The guide is divided into three sections:

Encounters between Law Enforcement and People with Mental Illnesses; Specialized Law Enforcement Strategies; and Future Research Topics and Implications for Policy and Practice highlights

Access full text at: <http://consensusproject.org/downloads/le-research.pdf>.

### **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Witness Protection Program: An Overview of Cases in Fiscal Year 2008**

The Research and Policy Analysis Division of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security recently released this report which presents information on witness protection services in Massachusetts during Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008) with some comparisons to previous years of the program. Data in this report are taken from the witness protection petitions filed by the Attorney General and District Attorneys' offices. Analyses are presented in the following sections: witness protection case characteristics, witness characteristics, incident characteristics, and costs.

Access full text at: <http://www.mass.gov/eops> (click on Publications and Reports).

## Conferences and Trainings

### **National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Conference 2009**

**June 15-17, 2009 in Arlington, VA**

Sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, this conference focuses on what is effective, what is ineffective, and what research shows is promising in the field of criminal justice. Specifically, the conference will showcase innovations in forensic sciences and related policy and resource issues. Strong emphasis is placed on the advantages of researchers and practitioners working together to create and support evidence-based best practices.

For more information: [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij\\_conference/welcome.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference/welcome.htm)

### **Domestic Violence Consortium**

**June 19, 2009 in Woburn, MA**

Hosted by the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, this event is an opportunity to learn more about the various public and private services available to victims of domestic violence. The event theme is "Together We Stand," and the purpose of the consortium is to promote community collaboration.

For more information: contact Allison Coan, Middlesex District Attorney's Office, (781) 897-6807 or [allison.coan@state.ma.us](mailto:allison.coan@state.ma.us).

### **National Center for Victims of Crime's 2009 National Conference**

**June 22-24, 2009 in Washington, DC**

Sponsored by the National Center for Victims of Crime, in conjunction with the National Crime Victim Bar Association Conference, this conference will feature a multidisciplinary, practice-based curriculum focusing on promising practices, current research, and effective programs. The goal of the conference is to provide a forum for law enforcement, victim service professionals, allied practitioners, policy makers, and researchers to share best practices and current developments to improve resources, policies, and services for victims of crime.

For more information: [http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB\\_Training\\_Institute1160](http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB_Training_Institute1160).

### **Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy: "A Model for the Nation"**

**July 26-31, 2009 in Beverly, MA**

Sponsored by the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance, the Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy is a 40 hour week-long program designed to give early career victim service providers an in-depth understanding of crime victims' experiences across time and systems. Faculty will include victim service providers, academic leaders, and experts.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/mova](http://www.mass.gov/mova) or contact Jamie Ramola at [Jamie.ramola@state.ma.us](mailto:Jamie.ramola@state.ma.us).

### **National Victim Assistance Academy (NVAA IV)**

**August 2-7, 2009 in Louisville, KY**

Sponsored by the Office of Victims of Crime, this conference features education and skill-based classroom trainings for practitioners who assist victims and survivors of crime. There are three main tracks offered this year: Foundation-Level Training; Professional Skill-Building Institute; and the Leadership Institute.

For more information: <https://www.ovcttac.gov/nvaa/>.

### **2009 Conference on Safe and Drug-Free Schools**

**August 3-5, 2009 in National Harbor, MD**

Sponsored by the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, the theme of the 2009 conference is "The Power of Change: Healthy Students, Safe Schools, and Engaged Communities." The conference will focus on issues related to civic and character education, crisis planning, mental and physical health, substance abuse, and violence prevention. Specific topics include: research, evaluation, and survey findings; promising practices and strategies; training and skills building; technology; new trends; and resources.

For more information: <http://www.osdfsnationalconference.com/conferenceinfo.aspx> or <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/09confbrochure.pdf>.

### **2009 National Forum on Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

**August 9-11, 2009 in Bellevue, WA**

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Association, the IJIS Institute, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, this conference will showcase programs and technologies aimed to help criminal justice practitioners and lawmakers address existing and impending public safety issues. Chief Gil Kierlokowske, director of the White House Office of Drug Control Policy and former chief of the Seattle Police Department, has been invited to give the Keynote Address.

For more information: <http://www.national-forum.net/>.



## **NIJ 10th Mapping Conference: Solving Problems with Geography and Technology**

**August 19-22, 2009 in New Orleans, LA**

Sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, the focus of the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Mapping Conference will be understanding crime and public safety using geography and technology. Workshops and plenary sessions will discuss traffic safety, neighborhood policy, the geographic aspects of sex offender residency restriction laws, and defining high crime areas. Preconference seminars on using ArcGIS will be held on August 17 and 18.

For more information: <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Custom.aspx?cid=17&e=c9e87fa2-759d-4bb3-a42d-91841ca7dfa2>.

## **News**

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

### **Gov. Patrick Files Bill to Reduce Gun Violence**

***The Boston Globe*, May 6, 2009**

Governor Deval Patrick is filing legislation to reduce gun violence that includes a provision to restore a crime-fighting tool for prosecutors that was taken away by a previous court ruling, according to *The Boston Globe*. The bill would allow suspects to be held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing for charges that involve illegal possession, use, or trafficking of guns, the Governor's office said. The legislation would also create a new felony of using a gun while committing a misdemeanor, limit gun purchases to one per month, and require private party gun sales to be recorded by licensed gun dealers. Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/breaking\\_news/2009/05/gov\\_patrick\\_fil.html](http://www.boston.com/news/local/breaking_news/2009/05/gov_patrick_fil.html).

### **Gov. Aims to Ease Jail Time for Drug Offenders**

***The Boston Herald*, May 7, 2009**

According to *The Boston Herald*, Governor Deval Patrick is filing legislation relaxing minimum mandatory sentences for all drug offenders as part of a sweeping package of crime legislation. Drug offenders serving minimum mandatory sentences would be eligible for parole after serving two-thirds of their sentence, according to a law enforcement official briefed on the plan. While relaxing sentencing, Patrick would require all state prison inmates to be supervised after they get out for a period of up to 25 percent of their sentence. Patrick also wants to allow district attorneys to be able to hold suspects who are charged with illegal handguns violations without bail because they are a danger to society.

Access full text at: [http://www.bostonherald.com/news/politics/view/2009\\_05\\_07\\_Gov\\_aims\\_to\\_ease\\_jail\\_time\\_for\\_drug\\_offenders/](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/politics/view/2009_05_07_Gov_aims_to_ease_jail_time_for_drug_offenders/).

### **Police Getting More Firepower**

***The Boston Globe*, May 29, 2009**

The Boston Police Department is preparing a plan to arm as many as 200 patrol officers with semiautomatic assault rifles, a significant boost in firepower that department leaders believe is necessary to counter terrorist threats, reports *The Boston Globe*. The initiative calls for equipping specialized units, such as the bomb squad and harbor patrol, with the high-powered long-range M16 rifles first, according to law enforcement officials briefed on the plan. The officials did not know exactly when the department planned to start handing out the rifles but said police officials already have acquired the guns. Police department spokeswoman Elaine Driscoll declined to discuss any details of the plan yesterday. She said the plan was still in an "inquiry stage."

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/05/29/boston\\_police\\_getting\\_more\\_firepower\\_semiautomatic\\_assault\\_rifles/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/05/29/boston_police_getting_more_firepower_semiautomatic_assault_rifles/).

### **Mayor Says No to Police Rifle Patrols**

***The Boston Globe*, May 30, 2009**

Facing sharp criticism, Mayor Thomas M. Menino said yesterday that he will not approve a Boston Police Department plan to arm neighborhood officers with semiautomatic rifles, although he expressed some support for their use by specialized units, according to *The Boston Globe*. While saying he has made no final decision, Police Commissioner Edward F. Davis defended the need for the guns in an interview yesterday and said he was not contemplating placing anything near 200 new M-16s on the streets. Davis described a plan to issue M-16s only to elite units and to sergeants and supervisors in the neighborhoods. Under that plan, only a dozen M-16s would be on the streets at any one time in the neighborhoods, he said.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/05/30/menino\\_rejects\\_plan\\_to\\_arm\\_patrol\\_officers\\_with\\_m\\_16s/?page=1](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/05/30/menino_rejects_plan_to_arm_patrol_officers_with_m_16s/?page=1).

## **Announcement**

### **Recovery Act: STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program**

On March 24, 2009, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of the Commonwealth. Once the award is secured, EOPSS will make funding available in the form of grants. EOPSS will announce relevant details in the weeks to come. Please continue to monitor the EOPSS website for information and announcements.

### **Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program, State**

On April 9, 2009, EOPSS submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of the Commonwealth. Funding will be available to local law enforcement agencies through a competitive grant process to help address the impact on local public safety resulting from staffing reductions. Please continue to monitor the EOPSS website for information and announcements.

### **State Fiscal Stabilization Funds**

The Governor has committed a portion of the *State's Fiscal Stabilization Funding* to support fire departments across the Commonwealth to address the impact on local safety resulting from staffing reductions. The availability of funds to the Commonwealth will be determined upon federal review of the Commonwealth's application. The Commonwealth will make funding available to local departments through a competitive grant process. Please continue to monitor the EOPSS website for information and announcements.

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